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Dear Mr. Hollister:

This will reply to your letter of 11 March 1954 to Mr. Dulles concerning the Use and Disposal of Federal Surplus Property.

Pursuant to the agreement we reached in our telephone conversation of 2 April and my subsequent conversation with Mr. Forbes of your staff, I shall not, for security reasons, attempt to supply the information requested in paragraphs 1, 2, and 5 of your letter.

The utilization of excess personal and real property is centrally controlled within this Agency by our Logistics Office. Excesses generated by any element of the Agency are carefully screened against all requirements and redistribution is effected where possible. Excesses for which there are no requirements are disposed of, where security conditions will permit, in accordance with the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949. Excess lists of real and personal property received from other Government agencies are screened and property which can be used is obtained from these sources.

Inasmuch as practically all of our property is for use in activities which have security implications, no additional staff is required for property in which you have expressed an interest.

Our records with respect to the value of excess personal and real property transferred within this Agency are not maintained in such a way as to separate that which has no security implication.

No excess real property was transferred to other federal agencies or disposed of during the period 1950 through 1953. The following statistics indicate the value of excess personal property transferred to other federal agencies, the value of surplus property disposed of, and the revenue from such disposal during the period 1950 through 1953.

	<u>Value of Excess Property Disposed of</u>	<u>Value of Surplus Personal Property Disposed of</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
FY 1950	\$111,101.60	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00
FY 1951	13,563.96	7,969.40	2,519.47
FY 1952	83,593.16	960.00	0.00
FY 1953	9,366.45	55,564.58	9,227.27

The exemption of this Agency from certain phases of the utilization and disposal provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 is considered to be in the best interests of the Government and is essential to the proper performance of this Agency's mission which demands a high degree of security.

We appreciate your recognition of our security problem and hope that the information which we have provided will be of assistance to your task force.

Sincerely,

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